

ANNUAL STATEMENT ISSUED; INVESTMENTS AND RETURNS FROM FEES REDUCE DEFICIT

FINANCES IMPROVED

Governors' Generosity Erases Annual Debt

GIFTS TOTAL \$200,000

3,151 Enrolled in Courses; Increase of 137 Over Previous Session

SHOWING a more favourable financial statement than has been seen for some years, the annual McGill report made public yesterday pointed to the lowering of the previous season's deficit of \$184,618 to \$83,380 for the fiscal year of 1936-37. Governors met the deficit with private subscriptions to balance the budget of the University, whose annual expenditure totals close to \$1,800,000. Better returns from investments and higher income from fees were cited to account for the \$100,000 decrease in deficit.

The report, signed by Sir Edward Beatty, chancellor, and Dr. W. H. Brittain, acting principal, is made to His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada.

The income of R.V.C. amounted to \$116,094 and the expenditure \$97,035.

There were many generous donations in gifts and bequests which totalled in value to more than \$200,000. The University is deeply appreciative of this evidence of the continued interest and support of its many friends and benefactors.

ENROLLMENT INCREASE. The enrolment in the University courses was 3,151 which represents an increase of 137 over the corresponding enrolment in the last session. There were 2,153 men students and 985 women students.

There are many plans for improving the teaching both in the undergraduate and graduate faculties. Various committees have been set up that governors and staff might come together to discuss reforms so that progress might be made towards achieving the aims in view.

The total teaching staff of the University numbers 551. There were many appointments for members on the staff, as well as promotions. The rule was made that only full professors should be eligible for appointments as Emeritus Professor, consequent upon long service on the staff of the University and particular distinction.

STUDENTS ASSISTED. Undergraduate scholarships totalling in value \$17,825 were awarded to 60 men and 34 women students. Through various forms of financial assistance, 88 students were enabled to continue their higher studies at McGill.

DOUGLAS HALL.

Douglas Hall, the new residence to accommodate 125 men students, was formally opened on Founders' Day by His Excellency, Lord Tweedsmuir. It was the generous benefaction of the late Dr. James Douglas which made the Hall possible.

In addressing the Graduates at the Reunion, the Chancellor said: "The ideal McGill would be an institution not much unlike the University of today, but much more perfect in development. It should be the home of advanced research. McGill has a special place to fill as a centre of true culture and research."

There are many holders of financial awards for post-graduate study at McGill as well as at other institutions.

MRS. VAUGHAN IN ENGLAND.

Mrs. Walter Vaughan is spending the winter in England, and has taken a flat at 23 Park Crescent, Portland Place, London, W.I. Mrs. Vaughan has been meeting many of her old friends from McGill, both students and members of the faculty, and plans to hold a McGill party in the near future.

CHRISTOPHER ELLIS ADDRESSES CIRCLE

GLIMPSES into activities behind the scenes in modern broadcasting will be afforded members of the Maccabean Circle this Sunday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. in the Union when Christopher Ellis will speak on "Some Aspects of Radio."

The speaker, who before coming here from England spent some time in the Navy and was employed in a publisher's office is now a well-known Montreal announcer and it is his intention to deal informally with some of his experiences in radio work. He also plans to give some suggestions for voice culture especially with respect to radio and will discuss possible University courses for training for this work. A general discussion will be held following Mr. Ellis' address.

VEARY SPEAKS AT I.V.C.F. MEETINGS

THIS evening at eight o'clock in the conference room of Strathcona Hall, Rev. V. E. Veary will give an illustrated lantern lecture on the sociology of the native tribes of French Equatorial Africa.

Pictorially, he will describe the public, private and domestic life of a people among whom he has worked for the last ten years as a missionary. He intends to tell of their strange customs and superstitious religion.

In an attempt to revive a popular old institution, a University Vesper Service will be held this Sunday at 5.00 p.m. in the chapel of Divinity Hall. Rev. Mr. Veary will speak on "His Triumph." These meetings are sponsored by the McGill I.V.C.F.

Raynault Addresses S.P.C. On Recent Local Affairs

GERMAN CLUB SEES EUROPEAN ACTRESS

Fraulein von Amann Entertains Students at Club Teutonia

ACTS LESSING'S PLAY

DEAD silence greeted Fraulein von Amann last night as she stepped on to the stage at the Teutonia Club to present two scenes from the German play, "Minna von Barnheim." A deafening roar of applause was her reward after she had completed the scenes with Mr. E. C. Doehler, who played opposite her in the role of Major von Tellheim.

After the final curtain, she was presented with a bouquet by Carlo Bos and was thanked by the President, Helen Hilborn. Later the actress appeared out of costume and graced the audience informally with her presence.

Everyone was loud in praise of her representation of the title role of Lessing's play and she appeared overcome with the rounds of applause occasioned by her performance. E. C. Doehler was also given much acclaim for the manner in which he carried out his difficult part, acting as a foil for her portrayal of "Minna."

The Fraulein, who granted an interview to the Daily, made her first trip to America about three weeks ago when she arrived in Montreal. She will spend Christmas in the U.S., and in about three months will be in New York. An Austrian, she has played in Germany and England, as well as in her own country, where she studied in the Max Reinhardt Dramatic School. In the School in Vienna, the pupils often took part in plays in the Vienna Court Theatre, which was built by the Empress Marie Theresia as a "theatre" for the Royal children who loved to be "actors" and "actresses."

Her ambition, Fraulein von Amann said, is to play "Shakespeare" in English. She has acted in many of his plays in German, and especially enjoyed the part of Katherine in "The Taming of the Shrew." When asked what type of audience she preferred—a small, "personal" group or a large "formal" one, she replied, "It is not the size of the audience that affects me—I do not see them. It is whether or not the room is well filled that makes the difference; a scattered audience is the most depressing thing an actress can face."

C. von Cardinal, who gave a resume of the whole play in German, and also introduced the two scenes, said, "She is a coming actress. Her charm lies in her spontaneity and her absolute naturalness. She speaks a very beautiful German, in which her slight Viennese accent falls most agreeably on German ears. In private life she is just as natural and unsophisticated." "The meeting was perhaps the best in the history of the German

Mayor's Speech on Monday to Deal With 'Padlock Law' and Its Results in Montreal

HIS WORSHIP J. ADHEMAR RAYNAULT, Mayor of Montreal, will give his interpretation of "Recent Trends in Montreal" to McGill students on Monday, December 13, at 5 o'clock in the Union Ballroom. This event has been planned by the Social Problems Club by whose invitation the Mayor will speak.

Interest in political events in the Province of Quebec has been aroused lately by the passing and rigorous application of the "Padlock Law." The purpose of this law is to prevent the spread of Communism by the suppression of all forms of propaganda. On November 17, under the auspices of the Social Problems Club, R. L. Calder expounded the view that this was a suppression of our civil liberties. He also stated at that time that it was contradictory to British Law and tradition, which guarantees the inviolability of freedom of speech and right of assembly of groups of any political belief.

DOMINION-WIDE PETITION.

It is for this reason that the Civil Liberties Union is taking the first step in an attempt to have the Padlock Law repealed. It is sponsoring the circulation of a Dominion-wide petition to be presented to the government. It is expected that the sum of a million signatures will be collected throughout Canada. One thousand of these signatures are expected from the students of McGill through the medium of petition forms now in circulation on the campus. A notary will attest to the number of the signatures which will be forwarded to Quebec.

It is expected that in his address the Mayor will deal with the question of the Padlock Law which has aroused so much discussion, since he is a supporter of Premier Duplessis who has been responsible for the enactment and enforcement of the law.

ARTS CURRICULUM

Questionnaire Discussed at Saturday's Meeting

A meeting of the Arts Curriculum Commission will be held in Room 49 of the Arts Building at 5 p.m. today.

On Saturday, in Room 35, a general meeting of the Commission will take place to discuss the results of the questionnaire. The Commission extends an invitation to Professors to the later meeting and states that their opinions and suggestions on the matter will be welcome.

Club," said Helen Hilborn, "with nothing excepted." In his speech, Dr. Graf drew a round of laughter when he said that the German Club had invited the members of the Teutonia Club to a meeting in their own hall! The meeting continued with dancing, community singing and refreshments, in which over 100 members and friends took part in "German."

Hilarious Plumbers Make Merry; Proudly Extol Their Greatness

By S. L.

THREE hundred engineers fairly raised the roof of the Queen's Hotel at a frolicsome and hilarious banquet last night. After priming the engine with food and drink, the plumbers got under way by singing of the glories of their faculty.

Dean Brown responded to this latter toast with a few words in which he congratulated the students on the lively spirit shown by their faculty, especially in the matter of debating; and also in certain friendly scuffles of recent date; these however may sometimes prove a trifle embarrassing to the officers of the faculty.

Voice from the crowd—"It was a good fight while it lasted."

Professor Armstrong told several amusing stories, and presented the following awards for Summer Essays:

First prize, Stuart George Loch-head, 4th year Civil Engineering; second prize, Peter Kung Wong, 4th year Mechanical Engineering; third prize, James Dickie Hall, 4th year Mining Engineering; honourable mention, Elbert Fredrick Hartwood, 4th year Chemical Engineering.

The programme concluded with a floor show, consisting of several dancing acts which the plumbers applauded uproariously, a magic act towards which the "sophisticated" engineers were skeptical but admiring, and some rhythmic tunes on the xylophone that caught the ear of the unromantic scientists.

HAYES ADVISES COMMERCE MEN

Urges Active Part in Public Affairs

Prominent Montreal Business Man Addresses Commercial Society Luncheon

"WHEN you see things that need correction, don't complain; do something," was the advice of Mr. Harry Hayes, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada, speaking yesterday at a luncheon of the Commercial Society. "It is up to the university man, who has the proper training for leadership, to correct the abuses of modern times. Knowing what he would like to see, even if he is not sure of the methods, he can do his part by leading public opinion."

Mr. Hayes urged every student to take an active part in public affairs. Being himself a graduate of the School of Commerce, he is familiar with the problems of the student. The university man has two major debts, one to the university itself and one to the community. Since a college is judged not by its courses but by its graduates, it is upon the latter that the good name of the institution rests.

JUNIOR TRADE BOARDS.

The speaker outlined the rise of the Junior Board of Trade movement in the early 1920's. Today Junior Boards from coast to coast are united under the Junior Chamber of Commerce, whose annual conferences are paving the way to a greater understanding between the different parts of Canada.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Hayes was moved by Charlie Gale, vice-president of the Commercial Society. Bob Dunn, Commerce representative to the Student's Council, and Len O'Donnell, athletic manager, said a few words to members. Following the luncheon an inspection tour of Molson's Brewery was made.

NEWS CALENDAR

TODAY.

5 p.m.—Men's Glee Club—Montreal High School.
5 p.m.—Arts Curriculum Commission—Room 49, Arts Building.
5 p.m.—Drama School—Union Reading Room.
5 p.m.—Foreign Policy Commission—Strathcona Hall.
5.30 p.m.—Social Barriers Commission—The Pit.
7.30 p.m.—C.O.T.C. Reunion Dinner—Union.
8.00 p.m.—I.V.C.F.—Strathcona Hall.

TOMORROW.

2 p.m.—Carol Singing—Strathcona Hall.
2.15 p.m.—Arts Curriculum Commission—Room 35, Arts Building.
SUNDAY.
3 p.m.—Maccabean Circle—Union.
5 p.m.—Vesper Service—Divinity Hall Chapel.
7.30 p.m.—Candlelight Carol Service—Divinity Hall.
8.00 p.m.—S.C.M. Open House—Strathcona Hall.

McGILL BAND.

All members are expected to be at the Forum on Saturday, December 11, not later than 2.15 to play at the hockey game.

GIRLS DO NOT DISPLEASE MEN

Greaves, Stalker, of First Year, Defeat Proposition

Arts Juniors Uphold Compulsory Latin in Debate

ACCORDING to the results of the Arts debates yesterday, the modern girl is by no means a disappointment to the sterner sex, nor should Latin be abolished as a compulsory subject for a B.A. degree.

Opening the argument for the defeated second-year men, Peter Vaughan found that the more woman has demanded equality with man, the more she has lost his respect. "The apathetic attitude exhibited by men to women," he said, "shows their dissatisfaction with the girl of this present age, who no longer hopes for hope chests, and whose culinary achievements are rudimentary."

Gordon Greaves, opposing the resolution, "That the modern girl is a disappointment to men," believed that her chief virtue was in being able to carry on a sensible conversation with men. "Personally," he said, "I have found by experimentation that those who have not great beauty have charm, that unseen yet very visible element of this compound woman."

Sid Barza, the next speaker, declared that the so-called modern girl is only a child, and the "most self-centred creature that God ever created." Concluding the debate for the negative, Alex Stalker pointed out that the attendance at the Junior Prom and the Freshman entertainment programme shows that man is not at all disappointed with the modern woman.

Interviewed after the debate, Peter Vaughan disclosed that he was really arguing against his true convictions: "The modern girl is a far better companion than the Victorian girl," he said, "she goes in for sports, and has a broader outlook, thus affording her male companion much more pleasure than the tea-sipping Victorian."

LATIN CULTURAL SUBJECT. In the second debate, "That First Year Latin be Compulsory for a B.A. degree," Jack Denny and Cuthbert Gifford, the victorious juniors, upholding the affirmative, showed that Latin is a ladder to a cultural background. To overthrow this fundamental subject, they said, is like embarking on a ship bound for an unknown port. Latin, they showed, is necessary for entrance to the Faculties of Law and Theology, and a useful addition to the education of doctors, dentists and school teachers.

Bob Spencer and David Munn, their opponents, believed that the Latin taught in first year is no different to that taught in high school, and that the study of more modern literature should take its place. Spencer, deprecating the result of compulsory Latin, said: "My own brother matriculated with very high marks in English and History but because his Latin was so low, he was led astray into the Engineering Faculty."

Bill McNaughton, a freshman Engineer, and W. Nowers Asbury, a graduate, were judges of the debate, while Eric Peterson was in the chair.

PERFORMANCE OF "SHINING HOUR" LACKS CO-OPERATION AMONG INDIVIDUAL ACTORS

'ATHENAEUM' LOVES 'DAILY'—ROMANCE!

THE "Acadia Athenaeum," monthly magazine, organ of student opinion of Acadia University in Nova Scotia, is contemplating a drastic change in editorial policy. Its Exchange column for December, in debating these changes cites the McGill "Daily" for distinguished service. Which only goes to prove that a paper is not without honour except in its own college. Read the article, ye noble critics, and weep.

"The McGill production is a shining example of a daily college paper. Here is everything current opinion demands of the Athenaeum and more. Student news while it is news, world news, student opinion on world affairs, snatches of poetry, snatches of verse—

"Gee its great
Just to contemplate
The number of men to one girl.

But what good does it do
If you're number two
And one is the centre of swirl?"

Best of all, here is an opportunity to rid dining halls and bulletin boards of 'Lost a black fountain pen, . . . Found, a green one, . . . and those variegated notices that make bulletin boards hectic with thumb-tacks, and meals cold with impatient waiting.

It all sounds very, very nice, but it necessitates also a large staff ready to devote all their spare time to the gentle art of journalism, for a crew of circulators to call, 'Mornin' Paipah' in convenient places, for a student body ready to hand over their pennies. Not to be pessimistic, it must be stated that it has worked, and it might work here. The 'McGill Daily' even inserts in very minute corners notices to the effect that contributions are so extensive that much of importance must be held over from issue to issue. Think that over!"

'CHRISTMAS CAROL' PRESENTED SUNDAY

Candlelight Carol Singing Opens S.C.M. Programme

THE feature of the annual Christmas Open House of the S.C.M. this Sunday evening will be the reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" by a group of students. Such Yuletide refreshments as marshmallows, raisins, and nuts will lend the holiday spirit to the gathering, while appropriate decorations are to take the place of any scenery for the enacting of the "Christmas Carol."

This Open House will be preceded by the annual Candlelight Carol Service in Divinity Hall at 7.30 p.m. The congregation will be led in the singing of Christmas Carols by a choir composed of students, with George Flower at the organ. The service will be over in time for the Open House, which is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m.

The reading of the "Carol" will be very informal, and there is still time for anyone to participate in it by attending a short rehearsal with Maurice Hecht at Strathcona Hall at 1 p.m. tomorrow. All who attend the Open House are asked to bring with them some Christmas candies and nuts which may be eaten during the presentation. Cocoa will be served at the end of the program.

I.Q. BUILDER.

A new way to kill time has been invented by the students of Northern Illinois State Teachers College, says the Navy Log. You draw a circle representing the face of a clock. Then at five-minute intervals you ink out sections around the face of the dial. Presto, at the end of the hour the circle is completely filled, and you are ready to start in on another. Or am I boring you?

STARS IN COMEDY



JULIA HACKETT, whose outstanding performance delighted first-nighters at 'The Shining Hour.'

DENTALS LEARN OF EARLY MAN

Professor C. P. Martin Speaks to Undergraduate Society

"Prehistoric Man in Ireland" Forms Topic of Last Night's Address

ASIDE from being an almost inexhaustible supply of fuel for the inhabitants the Irish peat bogs contain a veritable treasure for the archaeologist, claimed Professor C. P. Martin in his address before the Dental Undergraduate Society at 8.30 last night in the Union Grill Room. Professor Martin, who is the head of the Anatomy Department, is an authority on the Prehistoric Man of Ireland, having done a great deal of research work on the subject, and written on it quite extensively.

The skulls and skeletons found in the peat bogs are extremely well-preserved, having been kept in virtually anaerobic conditions. Thus it is possible for the investigator to form a complete picture of the panorama of life on the island from the Trent Man down to the Cranog Man, whose remains persisted to the time of Queen Elizabeth.

Professor Martin placed the advent of the Trent Man at a period closely following the end of the last Ice Age. These people subsisted on edible shells and other forms of sea life. There were no tools found with these skeletons, since these people were of a very primitive order. This type was followed by a new type of inhabitants who cremated their members and burned their goods and chattels with them.

Following upon the heels of these people came a few transitional types, which developed a trade with the Cornish people, getting tin and other utensils from these latter. They always buried their dead in the same reclining position, and left food vessels beside them. They were followed by the Middle Bronze Peoples.

The next inhabitants were a tall race of people, probably invaders, who were apparently civilized. Their teeth were worn down very much, due to the fact that their crushed cereal always contained pumice from the grinding stones. They were followed shortly by an invading race of people who brought iron tools with them. They were the Cranog Peoples or Lake-Dwellers, so called because they lived on peculiarly-built artificial islands in shallow lakes. Their architecture and handicrafts are well-preserved and give a very good idea of their mode of life. Their dwellings and fortresses persisted until the time of Queen Elizabeth. These people were finally ousted and exterminated by the Norsemen.

The meeting was very well-attended and refreshments consisting of beer and pretzels were served at the end.

PLAY WELL CHOSEN

Winter's Comedy Described as 'Powerful Vehicle'

FINE CONTRASTS SEEN

Individual Roles Better Than Unity of Whole Production

By H. H. S.

JUDGING from the enthusiasm of the audience which greeted the first performance of "The Shining Hour" in Moyse Hall last night, the Players' Club proved that it has not lost the knack of choosing a play which is at once above the average, and a well adapted vehicle. After three seasons opened with light comedy, the stronger meat of this year's fare is a very pleasant surprise. The plauding committee is to be congratulated. Indeed, had the production been more closely knit, and had more attention been paid to the details of the mounting, it might have been one of the few all round triumphs of the club's career. As it was however, the evident sincerity of the individual players, although it produced some fine acting, failed to bridge many dreary gaps resulting from the fact that every member of the cast appeared to have a different conception of the play from his fellows. In short, teamwork, that mainstay of all amateur productions, was at times completely lacking.

INDIVIDUALS GOOD.

Such lack of cohesion leaves room for a fair presumption of fault against the direction, which appeared to have been concentrated more on the individual performances than upon the unity of the whole. This specialization did, however, produce some very notable results, and it is impossible to select a single character more worthy of special praise than another. Each one was almost wholly satisfying, as his or her role, but not as an integral part of the play. The chief reason for this was the fact that the actors achieved types rather than characters. The contrasts were methodically drawn, and the balance of the types were excellent; but the counterpoint in tempo, in the light and shade of each scene, and in the characters as personalities, left much to be desired.

Dorothy Bennett proved a satisfying Judy Linden, but showed a first night tendency to unsteadiness in the more emotional scenes. Her calm, unhurried delivery and movements were pleasantly relieved by the beautifully polished incision of Barbara Whitley, as Hannah Linden. The latter contrived to steal more than her share of scenes when actually speaking, but omitted to sustain the consistency of her acting as the focus of attention shifted to other quarters.

Rupert Murrill turned in one of the most delightful sketches of his career, as Henry Linden, and preserved a semblance of middle age, that most difficult of all ages for youth to portray, very successfully. Whereas George Clarke, as his much younger and still callow brother, provided an amusing foil, to both him and the third brother, David. In this role, Stephen MacNutt lacked the mature immaturity that his part required, but managed, by an effective control of tempo to create the illusion particularly in the last act, very successfully. Mariella Linden, played by Julia Hackett, came nearer to being a flesh-and-blood personality than any other character, although the quality of her technique did not always compare with that of some of the others.

STAGE-CREW PRAISED.

Both the set and the action could have benefited by less intrusive furniture, and had the scenery been a (Continued on Page Two)

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The Annual Report

Yesterday the Annual Report of the University was made public. The most outstanding feature of the report was the announcement that the deficit had been reduced from \$184,618 to \$83,380 and according to the report "this favourable position was due in large part to the higher returns from the University's investments and reflects the improved financial position in Canada generally, many companies finding it possible to pay interest which had been in arrears for some years past. The University also realized a higher income from fees than previously."

It is pointed out in the Report that this deficit is again met through the personal generosity of the members of the Board of Governors. It is indeed encouraging to realize that the Governors have the interests of the University at heart to the extent that they are willing to make up the deficit out of their own pockets.

However, while this provision has been made and has been adopted for two years we cannot expect the Governors to meet the deficits forever. They have agreed to assist the University in financing its deficit for a period of five years. It is evident that a general plan must be formulated whereby the University may increase its actual revenue.

Recently, in a speech made before the Ottawa Valley Graduates' Society, Mr. George C. McDonald, chairman of the Finance Committee of the University, outlined what the university had done to increase its revenue. This had been done in three ways—the fees had been increased, certain savings had been effected and the investments had yielded a higher return. He then read a letter from some forty interested Graduates which we quote in part.

"We are aware that there will probably be a general campaign for endowment funds in the near future but many of us are not now, and will not be in the next few years, in a position to contribute any substantial amount of capital monies. We are, however, willing and anxious to make a small annual contribution to the university which we feel would be preferable in several ways to the contribution of endowment funds. Our suggestion is as follows: "A form of membership in the university could be established, possibly reviving the name Corporation, of which such graduates, past students, other individuals and corporations as cared to contribute one of several annual fees, the minimum being say, \$10.00, should be members. "The income from this source would form part of the ordinary revenues of the university and, as such, would be administered by the governors without any special allocation."

Such a plan seems admirable in every way. First it would create interest in the work of the University; second it would be a source of income which could be made permanent and third the expense involved in collection would be relatively small. In fact we felt that the suggestions put forth in Mr. McDonald's speech, and the clear-cut statement of the conditions of the finances of the University therein presented were so important that we have run the whole speech in the Daily on page four during the past week under the heading 'Ottawa Valley Graduates' Society'. Any-

body interested in this matter would do well to refer to the complete text of the speech.

It is only by the graduates taking an active part in the life of the University that they will be able to appreciate its fine work and hence feel in a position to help it financially. And it is only by undergraduates taking an active part in the life of the University while they are still here that they will be able to appreciate its full significance once they have graduated. We must realize our obligation to our Alma Mater now.

MUSIC

The Messiah.

AMONG the works which never fail to come to mind, when mention is made of oratorio, are Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* and Handel's *Messiah*. The latter is more generally known among us, partly through the accident of the English text being used, partly because its sentiments are simpler, and partly because a long tradition, and well-grounded too, makes it the oratorio of choice throughout the English-speaking world.

A modern oratorio is defined as "a dramatic poem, (usually of a religious nature), sung throughout by solo voices and chorus, to the accompaniment of a full orchestra, without the assistance of scenery, dresses or action." The impetus which Handel gave it is a phenomenon of English history. The eighteenth century in England saw a period of enslavement to continental music which demoralized native work for generations. The Italian style in all popular music was very much in vogue. Vocal and scenic entertainment in the form of flimsy opera was in great demand. Indeed, it has been observed that the oratorio came back into importance at this time primarily as a device for tiding over Lent. Most of Handel's oratorios have a predominantly entertainment value. The greatest exception, by far, is the *Messiah*, which combines his musical, his architectural, and his very real religious sense in their most compelling expression.

Last Monday evening's performance in Notre Dame Church owes its success to Dr. A. E. Whitehead and Mrs. A. M. Russell, director and organizer respectively. With the Cathedral Singers as a nucleus, Dr. Whitehead built a powerful chorus of four hundred voices, acquired four good soloists, and trained a large orchestra. Fine singing of the soprano role was furnished by Miss Frances James. Mrs. W. H. Lewis sang contralto, Harold Gillingham the tenor, and Louis Bourdon the bass.

The great choruses such as "For unto us a child is born", "All we like sheep", "Hallelujah", and the glorious "Amen" were all tremendously effective in the milieu of Notre Dame. At the other emotional extreme, who can forget the calm and dignity, which few musicians have emulated when dealing with sorrow, of such arias as "The people that walked in darkness" and "He was despised and rejected?" The evening left one very satisfied, and with renewed respect for Handel's fine vigour, his directness, and his gift for achieving powerful climax by simplest technical means.

—F.N.G.

Stassevitch Tonight.

IN Plateau Hall this evening Paul Stassevitch, who visited Montreal last winter to conduct the Ninth Symphony, will lead a Concert Symphonique in the following program: Concerto Grosso in D, C. P. E. Bach; Symphony No. 3 in F, by Brahms; Sarabande, by Roger-Ducasse; "Kikimora" by Liadoff; and "Romeo and Juliet" by Tchaikovsky.

Spalding Sunday.

ALBERT SPALDING, violinist, will be heard at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon in His Majesty's Theatre, featuring works by Bach and Brahms.

Military Matters

SOLDIERING ON SKIS WITH THE C.O.T.C.

IN all branches of sporting competition, mobility ranks as one of the greatest single factors. Races, for instance, are nothing but tests of the comparative mobility of the contestants, and it is a well known fact, in the boxing, wrestling, and fencing worlds, that speed can defeat strength. Needless to say, if the competition happens to be the most deadly of all forms, mortal combat, then mobility becomes a matter of life and death. Granted that individual mortal combat is not the popular sport that it used to be, yet today the man-in-the-street never knows when he is going to find himself embroiled in the "gang's-all-here" variety commonly known as war, and it is pretty well accepted that if and when we do get another war it will be a very mobile one and everybody will be in on it. That old-

Frankenstein "Modern Science" has developed high explosives to the extent that one either moves quickly in a chosen direction or still more quickly in a great many unchosen ones.

Since the last war, much thought has been given to the mechanisation of the army and to the movement of large bodies of men from one area to another in as short a time as possible. In fact, as far as ground transport is concerned, the British War Office has just about carried this work to the limit of peace-time theory, but naturally they have not given much thought to the problems of winter transport as understood in this country. Of course, the reason they have not done so is because the possibility of a war being fought on Canadian territory is remote, but the possibility does exist and therefore these problems should be of some interest to those concerned in the defence of the country.

Now, although military training on ski is an old institution in the snow-bound countries of Northwestern Europe, where the Norwegians, the Italian Alpini, and the Austrian Bergschuetzen have carried on this type of work for centuries, yet, as far as we know, there is no record of any such training taking place, either in North America or the British Commonwealth, prior to that of the McGill University Contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps. This unit first appeared on ski in 1914 when the Signallers used them in conjunction with their field-work. No drill was set down, however, and their movement was largely a matter of every man for himself, due to the fact that signal work did not call for any concerted movement. After this, although on the annual week-end exercises individual scouts were equipped with ski and snowshoes, nothing much was done until 1932 when a few of the Contingent, under Captain Patton, appeared on Mount Royal and, braving the remarks of an astonished multitude, went through a few "let-me-like-a-soldier-fall" evolutions. The Contingent saw the point, and kept very quiet about it for two more years. In 1934 we found ourselves with a dozen good skiers enlisted, all very enthusiastic about putting their skill to the test. Seizing this golden opportunity, our former O.C., Colonel Erskine Buchanan, decided to form an "Experimental Ski Platoon" for the purpose of going into the matter of ski-ing as a means of locomotion, for scouting, reconnoitering, getting places quickly and generally annoying the enemy in war-time which are the usual prerogatives of cavalry, and finding out, once and for all, if the idea could possibly be put into practice in this country. The idea proved a success and the Ski Platoon continues to have much valuable training.

THE SKI PLATOON, 1937-38.

THE Ski Platoon will train this season under command of Lieut. R. P. Rothschild, with 2nd Lieut. A. Mendelsohn as second-in-command. Free transportation to the Laurentians will be provided on approximately five Sundays during the winter, with the possible addition of a whole week-end. The Ski Platoon will also furnish teams to compete in the annual "Hill 70" Military Trophy Ski Race.

PARADES.

THE McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. and Pipe Band paraded on Tuesday at the Armoury of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, for further training.

Certificate 'B' (Captain) Candidates practised as platoon commanders in company drill for their practical examination on December 21st.

Certificate 'A' (Lieutenant) Candidates practised mutual instruction in squad and arms drill in the first period and in the second period practised Company Drill.

Recruits continued their squad drill in the first period and in the second period received a lecture.

—By H.D.S.

Varsity Comment

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PAY OVER HALF COST OF THEIR EDUCATION.

Each student at U.B.C. is costing the Provincial Government \$182, Hon. G. M. Weir, Minister of Education, told members of the House in Victoria recently.

Using these figures, it has been ascertained that all students here pay at least half of the cost of their education, and that many of them pay more.

Counting expense of books as part of the financial burden of necessity assumed by all U.B.C. students, a rough estimate sets the cost per student at at least \$175. The average is much higher, because of the greater expenses incurred by Applied Science students, whose initial fee is \$180.

—U.B.C.

JUNIORS AT ALBERTA REFUSE TO REPLACE CORSAGES BY FAVORS.

Attempts of the Junior Class Executive to replace the usual corsages with special favors of compacts and bracelets at their annual Prom have failed.

The idea had been to collect the sum of one dollar, the average price of a corsage, from each person purchasing a ticket to the big dance of the year and to use this money to buy favors which would be treasured and used for a long time by the ladies.

The gifts were to take the form of specially engraved compacts, or bracelets. The plan fell through, however.

—U.B.C.

YALE HEAD WARNS AGAINST CURRICULUMS.

President Charles Seymour of Yale University warned American universities recently not to make liberal colleges merely schools of contemporary social science.

In speaking before the Association of American Universities at Brown University, he urged that colleges avoid developing departments of economics and politics at the expense of philosophy and literature.

—Daily Cardinal.

This Week at Theatres

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Players Club

The following will be in charge of the Box Office today and tomorrow during the hours mentioned. Please get in touch with Kerr Stevenson if you cannot take it during your allotted hour.

TODAY.

9-10 Bunty Cronyn.
10-11 Katherine Macdonald.
11-12 Ruth Oliver.
12-1 Margaret London.
1-2 Nancy Murray.
2-3 Audrey Goodwin.
3-4 Margaret London.
4-5 Katherine Aikins.

SATURDAY.

9-10 Caroline McMurtry.
10-11 Nancy Murray.
11-12 Marna Harding.
12-1 Alison Lyster.
1-2 Peter Charlton.
2-3 Bunty Cronyn.
3-4 Katherine Aikins.
4-5 Helen L'Esperance.

All unsold tickets and cash to be handed in not later than five o'clock today. Please get all money in as soon as possible as it saves a great deal of trouble for all concerned.

S.C.M. NOTES

SATURDAY.

1:00 p.m.—Rehearsal of players in Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Those interested get in touch with Maurice Hecht, or Gertrude Cooke, before Saturday.

1:00 p.m.—Hospitality Committee meeting.

2:00 p.m.—Carol singers' rehearsal.

SUNDAY.

7:30 p.m.—Annual Candlelight Carol Service in Divinity Hall, University Street.

9:00 p.m.—Christmas Open House.

WESTERN STUDENTS

WILL any students from western Canada who intend going home for Xmas, please get in touch with Russ Merfield at the Union or Mervyn Reilly, MA. 2055, before Saturday. Arrangements have been made to secure a special tourist sleeper for McGill students, leaving Montreal Friday, December 17, at 7:50 p.m., and all interested in leaving then should signify their intention of going by Saturday.

Mr. Horace Merrick, city passenger agent for the C.P.R., will be at R.V.C. Friday, December 10, at 1:15 to make arrangements for sleeper accommodation for those leaving on the special car. Will those students who are going get in touch with Mr. Merrick at R.V.C. today or at PL. 2211 as soon as possible?

Special student rates of fare plus ¼ will be in effect and students should obtain special forms from Registrar's office. If we can get 8 or 10 more students we will be able to obtain a further reduction as far as Winnipeg at least, special student fare being in effect from Winnipeg. Come one, come all; let's make it a full car and a pleasant time will be had by all!

RUSS MERFIELD.

PRIZES PRESENTED AT FRENCH GROUP

Charades Feature Meeting at R.V.C. Common Room

CHARADES were the main attraction at the meeting of the Societe Francaise held yesterday afternoon in the R.V.C. Common Room.

Each of the four years were represented, and prizes were given for the best individual performance in each year. These prizes had been purchased by Mlle Henri in Paris. Three of them were "books with pictures in them," the said pictures being views of Paris, and the fourth was a little brocade change purse. The prize-winners, selected by Mlle

Henri and Mrs. Grant, were: First Year, Frances Cox; Second Year, Alice Brunton; Third Year, Doreen Brown; Fourth Year, Pauline Lortie. Freda Bindman, in a short talk, stressed the importance of the Winnipeg Conference, and three delegates were suggested: Madeleine Parent, Madeleine Saint-Martin, and Helen L'Esperance. These suggestions must be ratified by the central committee for university delegates. Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting.

PERFORMANCE OF 'SHINING HOUR'

(Continued from Page One)

trifle more secure, much of the rather distracting vibration would have been avoided during the various hurry-scurries on the stairs and balcony. Also the predominance of the low-toned base colour proved to be more noticeable, by its insistence, than might have been the case had the set been generally brighter. The back-stage crew, as well as the make-up people deserve high praise for their efficiently unobtrusive results. In short the play, as a play, more than came up to recent standards of subject matter and entertainment value.

C.O.T.C. REUNION DINNER

Pre and Post War Members Invited to Attend

WELL over one hundred former members of the McGill C.O.T.C., many of whom were active before and during the war, will attend a Reunion Dinner to be held at McGill Union tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Present active members of the Contingent will also attend. Invitations to come and take part in the discussions on European problems from a military viewpoint and in the retailing of past fighting experiences are extended to all members.

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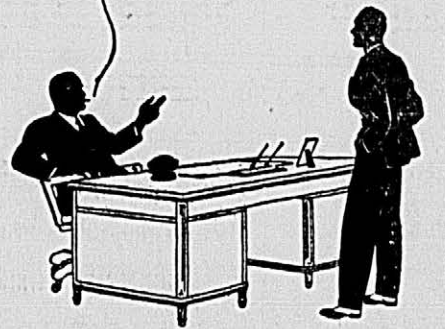
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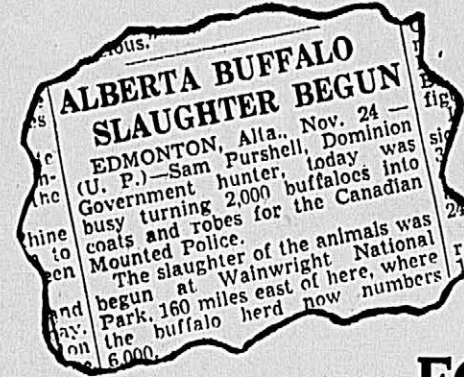
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Red Hockeyists Meet U. of M. in Intercollegiate Season Opening Game

McGill Basketball Squad Leaves Today to Meet American Cagers

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
Hockey — Intermediates vs. St. Lambert at Forum tonight.
Water-polo—Toronto vs. Queen's at K. of C. tonight.
Basketball—Departure for American tour—seniors.
Play Univ. of Vermont at Burlington tonight.

TOMORROW
Hockey — Juniors vs. Verdun at 2:00 p.m. Seniors vs. U. of M. at Forum at 3:30 p.m.
(N.B.: Intercollegiate coupon game)
Water-polo—Intercollegiate championship at K. of C. with McGill playing winner of tonight's game.
Basketball—McGill Seniors playing Middlebury at Middlebury.—Intermediates vs. Dominion-Douglas at M.H.S.—R.V.C. vs. Macdonald College at Mac.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL PICTURE
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INTERCOLLEGIATE hockey takes a bow here tomorrow with Hughie Farquharson's Redmen meeting the U. of M. "Carabins" under the guidance of Tony Baril. The game is the opener of the intercollegiate circuit and takes place at the Forum at about 3:30 p.m. The Red team will be defending the I.H.L. crown which they won last year with ten straight victories. Last year was the first year the league was in operation and was made up of teams from Varsity, Queen's, Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth and the two above squads.

Students' coupons will be valid. Also children accompanied by a parent will be admitted free. The band will be present to play between periods and the cheerleaders are expected to be on hand, one of the cheerleaders leading the children in yells, a pastime that proved very popular last year. As the teams are quite evenly matched, the game is expected to be packed with thrills and the boys need all the support you can give.

In the nets will, naturally, be Dave Tennant, captain of the team and regular for his third season. Dave has seen a lot of pucks go past him this season but is still considered to be one of the best net-minders in the Senior Group. On the defence will be Tim Dunn, Andy Anton and Jim Palmer. These boys have been improving steadily since the beginning of the season, but will have to be at their best to halt the fast-stepping Frenchmen.

One forward line will probably be made up of Crutchfield, McConnell and Pidcock, and the other line will be Dickinson, Walker and Perowne. These two lines are just about as good as any in the Senior Group and should get more than their share of the goals in the college loop.

The Frenchmen will have Maurice Rochon, who played for Ottawa U. last year in the nets. In front of him will be Francois Rivest and Leo Boucher, both veterans of last year's team. The first line will be Migneault, at centre, Roger Gagne at right wing and Paul Genier at left wing. All these men played senior last year, Migneault playing defence. The others taking part are Gerald LeBouef, Jean Decarie, Herbert Delorimier, and Jean Grignon.

Starting at 2:00 will be a junior game between McGill and Verdun, a regular league feature. The following will be playing for the Juniors: Owen, Jacobson, Holliday, Short, McFarlane, Dellis, Winsor, Soper, McMartin, Ross, Burrows and Cuke. At half time there will be entertainment such as featured the football games, put on by the Central Y. gymnasts.

With The Co-eds
By M. G. R.



It would seem that some of you got your directions mixed. Certainly something must have happened that there weren't more people at the ski class on Wednesday. These classes are being held up on the mountain from now on every Wednesday afternoon. Next week's class will be the last one before Christmas. Come and get some pointers that you may practise them yourself during the holidays.

AND while we are on the subject, have you seen the Ski Chart posted on the R.V.C. bulletin board? It has illustrated explanations of anything you might want to know about the art from the best way to get up when you fall to how to execute a tempo turn and do a graceful jump. The chart is the work of the ski instructor at the Alpine Inn at St. Margaret's, and it is very excellent. Take a look at it the next time you are in R.V.C. And if you want one yourself speak to Peggy Johansen, the manager, about it.

DID YOU REMEMBER THAT R.V.C. has a Ski House up north this year? Our co-eds are sharing it alternate week-ends with M.H.S. girls, but the week-end of December 18 and 19 it belongs to us. A list will be posted on Monday on the notice board in R.V.C. If you want to go up for the week-end sign it as soon as possible. The first eleven to do so are the one's who'll go. And should you manage to get the list signed before eleven others do you deposit your dollar at the Athletic Office by Friday noon.

Since each girl will probably be able to have only two week-ends up north you had better try to get your turn in early.

MOLLY COOTE, manager of R.V.C. basketball team, tells us she wants company to St. Annes on Saturday afternoon...by which she probably means the R.V.C. basketball team want company. They have chartered a bus and will leave from R.V.C. about 1 p.m., returning from St. Annes about 5 p.m. The round trip will cost Fifty Cents. If you are interested in keeping the team company, or any individual member for that matter, leave word with Molly or in locker 222 at R.V.C. or locker 1011 in Arts Building. The Co-eds are playing two games against Mac, and they will be good. The games, I mean. So why not come along and give them your support?

ANNUAL FOOTBALL BANQUET. Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Football Banquet which will take place in the Union December 15th. Will all Senior, Intermediate, and Freshmen players please purchase tickets as soon as possible from any of the following—Jim Stanley, Cam MacArthur, Bun Rahilly, Ayton Keyes, Bob Rainsford. The price is \$1.00.

McGill Senior Water Poloists Set For Defence of Title Tomorrow

Toronto and Queens Clash Tonight, Winner to Meet in Final
PLAY AT K. OF C. POOL

McGill's senior water-polo squad takes to the water this week-end to defend their title of Intercollegiate champs against a determined invasion from Queen's and Toronto. The series will be played tonight and tomorrow at the Knights of Columbus pool on Mountain St., and is one of the big annual athletic events which this year come to McGill. From time immemorial, McGill has held the coveted title, and this year's squad show no signs of relinquishing their hold on the trophy.

The Red squad played M.A.A.A. last night, and held the Wheelers to a 8-8 tie—which is very good, indeed, in the opinion of most people. The boys were clicking well and appeared to be in fine shape for the week-end's fracas. Capt. Pete Bourne led the scoring last night with four points, and seems to be heading for a banner season with the Redmen. Despite reports to the contrary which have been drifting down from Queens, and points west, the Red team is conceded a better than 50-50 chance to repeat this year. Toronto seems to have very definite ideas on the subject, but word's mayn't be particularly effective in stopping seven human submarines. However, you shall see. As for Queens—the tri-colour are an unknown quantity, having just been admitted to the competition this year. Their reporters paint a rosy picture for the team's chances, and since little is known to the contrary, it would be rash to (say nothing of exceedingly rude) to contradict. Again, you (and we) shall see.

TORONTO VS. QUEEN'S. Toronto meets Queen's tonight in the opening game of the two-game series, the winner playing McGill tomorrow night for the title. The Blueboys, on the grounds of more experience and better competition, are favourites to take the Queen's boys—debut or no debut. In either eventuality, there should be a hair-raising final on Saturday, with the Grads playing the losers of tonight's clash to round out a doubleheader bill. The lineups for tonight's game, as announced last night, will be as follows:

Toronto.	Queens.
B. Taylor.....goal	J. O'Brien
G. Otter.....defence	R. Gooday
T. Statten.....defence	G. Cleman
N. Earl.....rover	L. Couillard
S. Lipin.....forwards	N. Edgar
J. Adams.....forwards	G. Hamilton
Laari.....forwards	R. Jack
B. McGill.....subs	Spearman
Brown.....subs	Jones
.....subs	Allen

TRICOLOR POLOISTS LOOK FOR VICTORY IN COLLEGE MEET

Meet Varsity Tonight—Have Strong Team

By DON ROSS
Sports Editor, Queen's Journal.
KINGSTON, Dec. 9th.—The Tricolor for its first year in intercollegiate competition, has rounded into shape a team that will stand up with the best. In goal is Jack O'Brien, former Fordham University star, while in front of him on the defence are Dick Gooday and that 240-lb. Montreal bulwark, George Cleman.

On the forward line Captain Norm Edgar is flanked by Gerry Hamilton and Ralph "Fuzz" Jack of football and basketball fame, and at rover is Louis Couillard from the Ottawa City League. Jones, Spearman and Allen round out the team of Galloping Gaels named by the coaches to invade Montreal.

Although the team has been weakened by the loss of Gar Kelly and Jimmy Dowler, these two have blown up all available water wings and are now ready to send a fighting team to Montreal and the intercollegiate championship. From where we were sitting watching Saturday's practice they look as though they really have "something on the ball."

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EDITORIAL

Perhaps one of the most outstanding characteristics of young people is ambition. It is indeed rare when we come across the unfortunate individual who has no purpose or aim in life, and the average person finds it difficult to understand such an aimless one.

It is this desire to accomplish something and to amount to some one that urges us on. We have our secret ambition. Some, no doubt are seeking the fulfilment of their ambition in pursuing the studies they are occupied with here, others perhaps are not so fortunate in having a definite aim in view but are nevertheless striving for success.

But idle ambition never brought success to anyone. We all have our dreams and castles-in-the-air. Ambition is often romantic but hard work and relentless effort are very necessary to attain the cherished hope. The famous have only become so by sacrificing their very life and putting their ambition before all.

It is not always the brilliant who succeed but rather the conscientious determined worker who carries on in the face of all difficulties towards the end which he believes worthwhile. And it is in the preparatory work of education that moulds our character and settles our likes and dislikes, giving rise to the ambition that we hold so sacred.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Editor:

It was with mild surprise and interest, that I read Betty Co-ed's letter on Wednesday. It might be of interest to point out, that the women's Athletic Committee was approached at the beginning of the term, to find out if the other side of the campus was interested in fencing. The writer was informed that the committee did not feel they had sufficient funds to defray the cost, the services of a coach, however, were offered gratis for the sport's sake.

This is one of the few sports at the college where men and women can meet on equal terms, and I personally would like to see it developed equally on both sides of the campus.

G. C. L. GOSS.

MAC BASKETBALL TEAM SUFFER SEVERE DEFEAT

Beaten in Return Game by Score of 40-15

A fast stepping Sir George Williams basketball team tossed 15 points through the Mac hoop before the Green team succeeded in shaking off a bad case of stage fright in their first appearance off the home floor last Wednesday evening.

The home team, lead by Jonas, who amassed 19 points, continued their effective passing attack and finally submerged the Mac representatives under a score of 40-15.

Finding themselves trailing so early in the game, Purdie's quintuplets proceeded to abandon their system and failed to show any trace of organized attack, and, in a frantic effort to score, allowed enthusiasm to supplant finesse, as they rushed blindly for the basket in futile individual sallies.

Passing in general was feeble, and on those rare occasions when the Mac passing attack was running smoothly for a while, the Mac squad usually lost possession of the ball through an off-balance or hurried shot.

After the game, the visitors were royally entertained by their opponents at a dance held in the Association Hall. Basil Stark, president of the undergraduates of Sir George Williams, welcomed the Mac guests. Entertainment was provided in the form of a skit by Messrs. Kidd and Bullock, two stars in basketball when they are not on the stage.

POOL OF TEARS

The would-be Walter Winchell once more holds forth, and if you are too dumb to "catch on," ask your room mate, and if he or she doesn't know, write Dodo, care of box 200, and you may be supplied with the answers by mail.

Alta boy Seniors, let's have more of the Yuletide spirit, or was it just a hangover from ski-joring?

Bed dumping is on the decline, they just take it away now. Ah, ha, the wrong bed, eh! Next time pick someone your own size.

Keep your eye on the road, they're still hanging on behind, it's not a caterpillar you're driving.

Who is the suave gigglio in the men's residence?

Snow bathing on the steps? Oh, you just slipped, or— Tut, tut.

What are lacteals anyway?

What happened to Dodo's column on Wednesday?

For G-d's sake will someone do something, so Dodo will have something to write about. You don't care whether she does or not? OK, OK.

Did you get these D. H.?

DODO.

Contributed Articles

THE WAY OF ALL THINGS

In merry spirits the party strolled along the country road. The sounds of joyous laughter and pleasant conversation were audible on the fresh breeze of early afternoon. And then the noises of hilarity strangely subsided to a murmur, which was gradually smothered to entirely.

The breeze, hitherto fresh and invigorating, now carried a stench dull and depressing, a rotten odour of decay mingled with the suffocating stink of burning waste. It became more oppressive and repugnant as, half-choked by the foul stench, the walkers approached its source which was partly visible ahead and to the left of the road.

It was a very rare spot, almost completely lacking in colour; it presented to the eye only dull blacks, greys, and grey-greens. As the rambles came nearer, they saw that it was largely made up of a huge hollow, half filled with stagnant water, whose pollution was scarcely concealed by the layer of slimy scum covering its surface.

Dead branches lined the far bank of the hollow; the nearer bank was heaped with refuse. In one spot was a pile of bleached and rotting corn stalks, in another was a decaying mass of cabbage, in others were just accumulations of garbage scraps. Scattered throughout were articles commonplace enough, but in the dump they possessed the individuality to lose their commonplaceness. A barrel, a torn boot, a lamp shade, a piece of wire fencing, a basket, such objects stood out with an individuality perhaps due to their resistance to decomposition. But littered more profusely than anything else were tin cans, large and small, old and new, rusty and shiny, dented and smooth. One or two spots showed flashes of colour, dull reds or blues which were once bright but which now did nothing but accentuate the lifelessness of their environment. Wreaths of smoke were rising from two mounds of smouldering garbage. Death and decay typified the place.

Life was represented by a few song sparrows searching for food and by a multitude of rats. The dump was infested with rats—big, brown, fat, sleek rats. Unceasingly they scurried to and fro, searching for scraps of food.

The whole picture presented a nauseating picture to the company, sickened with the sordid surrounding. With quickening footsteps the party pursued its course in silence. As soon as they had removed themselves a little way they began to raise their voices in conversation and laughter again; once more they strolled along in merry vein. But in their peculiarity could be detected an uneasy note, a result of seeing the sordidity of the dump.

Back in the hollow a rat sat up, roused by the increasing noise of the departing company. His beady eyes followed their departure along the road and then he turned and resumed his foraging, unmoved by their passing.

MAC'S SHARP SHOOTERS SHOW OUTSTANDING FORM

Macdonald's rifle team has entered a winning streak and there is every indication that it will continue to come out on top.

On Tuesday night the 4th Division Signals' team made the trip to Ste. Annes and shot a match against the local team in the Macdonald range. The scores, 475 to 457, were in Macdonald's favour.

Macdonald.

Clarke, F. 98
Robertson, L. 98
Brown, L. 97
Maculay, Miss J. 92
Barber, Miss E. 89

Total 475

Spares—Everett, Miss H., 97; Templeton, H., 96.

4th Division Signals.

Pargeter, F. 96
Phillips, R. 89
Daltrey, J. 91
Anderson, A. 92
Bailey, W. E. 89

Total 457

Spare—Fulton, E., 90.

There is a well-founded rumour that Mac won the match against Royal Montreal Regiment last week.

Questions have often been asked concerning the terms "counted out" and "spares," considering that many times the people shooting as "spares" often shoot better than those people on the team. In the last match, this fact is well illustrated. The explanation is this: The team consists of certain regular "shots" and if one person shoots low on a match and shoots low in practice at the next match, he is often put on the "spares," while another person who has shot some good targets as a "spare" is put on the team. The captain has to name his team and "spares" before the match is begun, and he trusts to luck that his "spares" will not shoot higher than the team members.

Next Monday, December 13, the last match before the Christmas vacation and examinations will be shot as a postal match against the Dorchester Rifle Club. The first match in the new year will be held on January 25.

SOPHETTES ENTERTAIN AT SUCCESSFUL TEA

On Wednesday, December 8, the first class tea of the year was given by B.H.S.40 in the reception room of the Women's Residence. Miss Edna Rettle, president of the Class, received the guests. During the first hour Mrs. Strang and Miss Babe McNutt poured tea, while Mrs. W. H. Brittain and Miss Hayward presided later.

The reception room was artistically decorated in red and green, the Christmas spirit prevailing throughout. Altogether it was a delightful affair, and the Sophettes are to be congratulated on a very successful tea.

SOCIAL BARRIERS.

There will be a meeting of the Social Barriers Commission today in the Pit at 5:30. Discussion will last until 8 p.m.

R.V.C. HISTORICAL CLUB.

There will be an important meeting of the Historical Club at 1 p.m. Monday in the Arts Building, Common Room.

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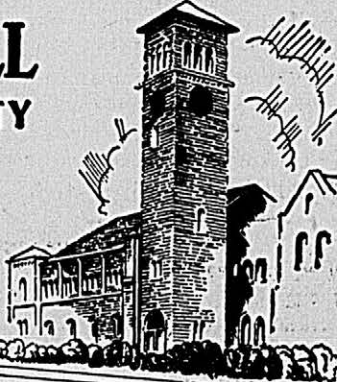
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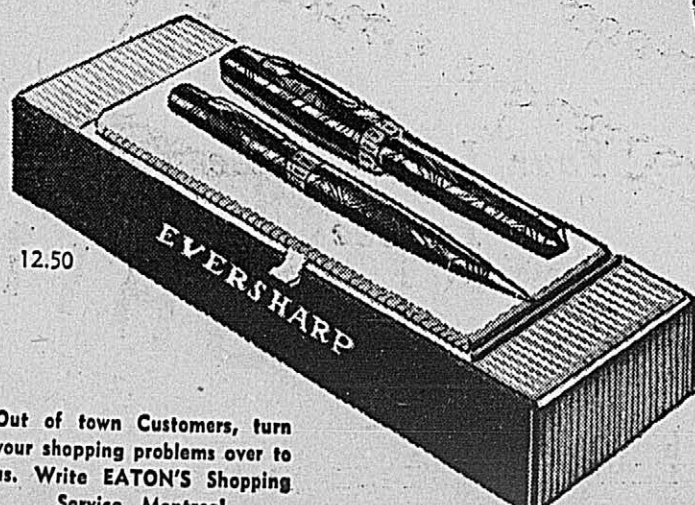
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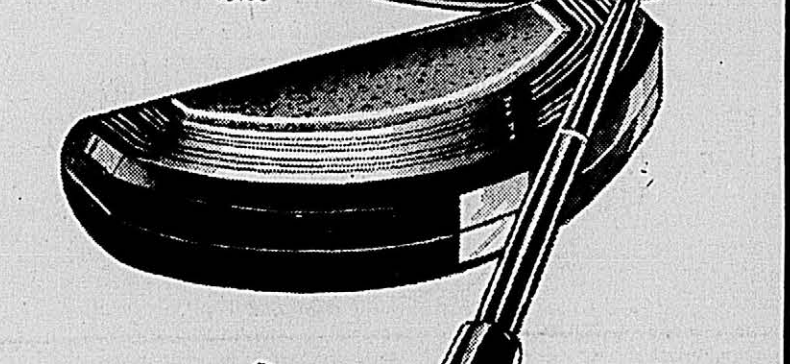
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